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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Culberson).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

July 22, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

> J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 23, 2002, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the House will stand in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.) the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Stearns) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God and provider of all good gifts, whenever Your people assemble to pray, we praise You as the source of all we have and are. Preserve in the Members of Congress grateful hearts for all You have given them and this Nation. With this gracious attitude, the tasks You set before Your people can be accomplished with humility. Decisions can be made with confidence Your guiding wisdom. Accomplishments, though limited in our eyes, can be to Your honor and glory, and bring the world closer to attaining the goals of Your Kingdom here on Earth.

As Your conscientious and grateful servants we pray now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SEN-SENBRENNER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER led Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

> OFFICE OF THE CLERK, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, July 19, 2002.

Hon. J. Dennis Hastert,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 19, 2002 at 2:09 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2175.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 413.

Appointment: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL, Clerk of the House.

BOMBING IN AFGHANISTAN

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, news accounts indicate that hundreds upon hundreds of innocent Afghans have been killed by mistakes by U.S. war planes. Stop the bombing. We have no quarrel with the Afghan people. The Taliban are overthrown. Al Qaeda has fled. bin Laden has vanished, and yet the bombs still drop indiscriminately. Is there any American who has not been shaken at the mere thought of the horror of U.S. war planes bombing a wedding celebration in the village of Kakrak killing dozens of civilians? Whatever moral authority our Nation has had at the beginning of the conflict is rapidly being lost. This act does not represent America. Democracy does

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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